

We claim:

1. A method for forming a decorative window muntin, said method comprising the steps of:

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- a) cutting a polymeric material into a desired <sup>muntin</sup> configuration;
  - b) coating the polymeric material; and
  - c) heating the polymeric material.

2. The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein cutting a polymeric material into a desired configuration comprises the step of cutting a sheet of polystyrene.

3. The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein coating the polymeric material comprises spray painting the polymeric material with a latex paint.

4. The method as claimed in claim 1 further comprising the step of placing the polymeric material between two panes of glass.

5. The method as claimed in claim 5 further comprising the step of hermetically sealing the two panes of glass. ✓

6. The product made by the method of claim 1.

7. A window comprising:

two panes of glass and a decorative muntin, said muntin including an end, said muntin comprising a coating layer, said muntin sandwiched between said panes of glass and hermetically sealed therein.

8. The window as claimed in claim 7 further comprising an aluminum pin, said pin positioned on said end of said muntin.

9. The window as claimed in claim 7 wherein said muntin is polystyrene and said coating layer is latex paint.

10. A method for making a decorative window muntin, said method comprising the steps of:

- a) cutting a polymeric material into a desired <sup>muntin</sup> configuration;
- b) cleaning the cut polymeric material;
- c) coating the cleaned polymeric material; and
- d) baking the polymeric material.

11. The method as claimed in claim 10 wherein cutting a polymeric material into a desired configuration comprises the step of cutting a planar sheet of polystyrene.

12. The method as claimed in claim 10 wherein cleaning the cut polymeric material comprises the step of wiping the cut polymeric material with alcohol.

13. The method as claimed in claim 10 wherein coating the cleaned polymeric material comprises spraying the polymeric material with a latex paint.

14. The method as claimed in claim 10 further comprising the step of placing the polymeric material between two panes of glass.

15. The method as claimed in claim 14 further comprising the step of

hermetically sealing the two panes of glass.

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~~16~~. The method as claimed in claim <sup>6</sup>~~10~~ further comprising the step of placing a pin the cut polymeric material.

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~~17~~. The method as claimed in claim <sup>12</sup>~~16~~ wherein placing a pin comprises the step of placing an aluminum pin.

~~18. A muntin for use in a window comprising a non-metal, planar member, said planar member conforming to the window, and a coating, said coating covering said planar member, wherein said coating prevents the escape of volatiles from said planar member upon heating.~~

~~19. The muntin of claim 18 formed from polystyrene.~~

~~20. The muntin of claim 18 wherein said coating is latex paint.~~

~~21. The muntin of claim 18 formed from wood.~~

~~22. The muntin of claim 18 formed from polyurethane.~~